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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TANZANIAN EDITORIAL VIEW ON SETTLEMENT
PROSPECTS

1. TANZANIAN PRESS HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO NAMIBIA
IN WAKE OF SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS.
APRIL 29 ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS GAVE LENGTHY
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CONVERAGE TO NOTE GIVEN TO US BY NUJOMA. NEW YORK DATELINE
STORY CITED "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES" IN OUTLINING SWAPO'S
POSITION, MUCH AS FORWARDED IN STATE 108386.

2. SAME ISSUE FEATURED A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ON NAMIBIA. IT
GAVE CREDIT TO WESTERN FIVE FOR THEIR ROLE IN FORMULATING
NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS AND DID NOT TRY TO FIND ANY

DEVIOUS SOUTH AFRICAN MOTIVES FOR ACCEPTING THEM. "THE RACISTS HAVE NO MORE DESIRE TO LEAVE NAMIBIA NOW THAN THEY HAVE HAD IN THE PAST. BUT THEY HAVE RECOGNIZED THE DETERMINATION OF THE WORLD, AND NOW OF THE WESTERN POWERS UPON WHOM THEY USED TO RELY. IN PARTICULAR THEY HAVE REALIZED THAT THE UNITED STATES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT CARTER, WAS WILLING TO APPLY S SEVERE ECONOMIC PRESSURE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IF IT REFUSED TO ACQUIESCE IN THESE PROPOSALS."

3. EDITORIAL SAID SWAPO NOW NEEDS TWO ASSURANCES: 1) THAT UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE WILL HAVE ENOUGH TROOPS TO HELP HIM CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND 2) RECOGNITION BY THE UN - "AND PARTICULARLY THE SECURITY COUNCIL - THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA REGARDLESS OF LEGAL ARGUMENTS." EDITORIAL SAID SECURITY COUNCIL ENABLING RESOLUTION SHOULD BE WORDED TO MEET THESE SWAPO REQUIREMENTS.

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS REASON TO BELIEVE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD GIVE SUCH ASSURANCES. THEREFORE, THERE WAS CAUSE TO REJOICE ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE IN NAMIBIA AND ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE UN. "WE CONGRATULATE THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESS. WE CAN PROMISE TANZANIA'S WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE WORK OF HIS REPRESENTATIVE IN NAMIBIA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. COMMENT. WE CONSIDER EDITORIAL TO BE AUTHORITATIVE AS AN EXPRESSION OF TANGOV'S POSITION. IT IS ALSO URGENT. WE HAVEN'T SEEN AN EDITORIAL IN A SATURDAY DAILY NEWS IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS. WE SEE HERE AN EFFORT TO PAVE OVER SWAPO'S COMPLAINTS, EXCEPT THE TWO WHICH APPEAR MOST IMPORTANT, AND ASSUME THAT THEY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED BY THE CONTACT GROUP. SPAIN

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